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A Weekend of Music, Art and Nature Griffis Sculpture Park Sets the Stage for a Unique Outdoor Experience this Sunday



@griffissculpturepark

By DOUG SITLER

Griffis Sculpture Park is excited to host the annual summer festival this weekend on August 18th! It's a day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and so much more. The festival started in 2013 and has become a "must-attend" event in Western New York. The event is a major fundraiser for the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which owns and operates the sculpture park.

Not only do we have a stellar live music lineup, but the event will also feature a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service. Tickets are \$25; children 12 and under are free! Tickets can be purchased via the Eventbrite website.

Headlining this year's Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival is one of the living legends of the Buffalo music scene: The Great Train Robbery. Since the mid-1980s, this band has been packing dance floors and concert venues with their rock, ska and reggae-inspired sound. After coming back from a long hiatus in 2022, the band plays only 2-3 shows a year - which always sell out - making their appearance at the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival that much more special.

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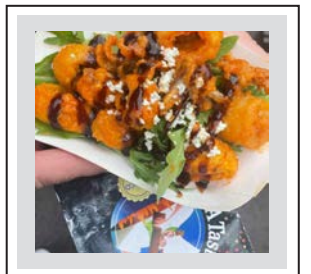
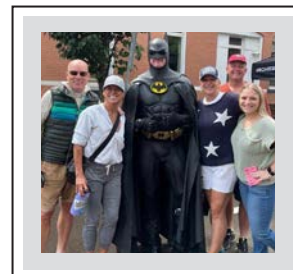
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Bringing the Flavor to You

New Mobile Businesses Make Their Way Around Western New York



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Who doesn't love a mobile food truck? How about a mobile drink truck that comes to you?

The Wandering Wagon is a mobile bar service that services the Southern Tier. Owner Emily Keating was initially inspired by mobile bar ideas she found on Pinterest. A trailer was purchased in April of this year, and by mid-July, it was fully converted into a beautiful mobile bar. It's perfect for weddings, rehearsal dinners, corporate events, birthday parties, graduations, wine tastings, festivals - almost any event you could think of!

The Wanderer Hut, a family-owned Polish food truck business, started out in Salamanca in 2020. Since then, they've expanded their schedule to include a few places around Cattaraugus County, including HoliMont Resort in Ellicottville on Saturdays and Sundays.

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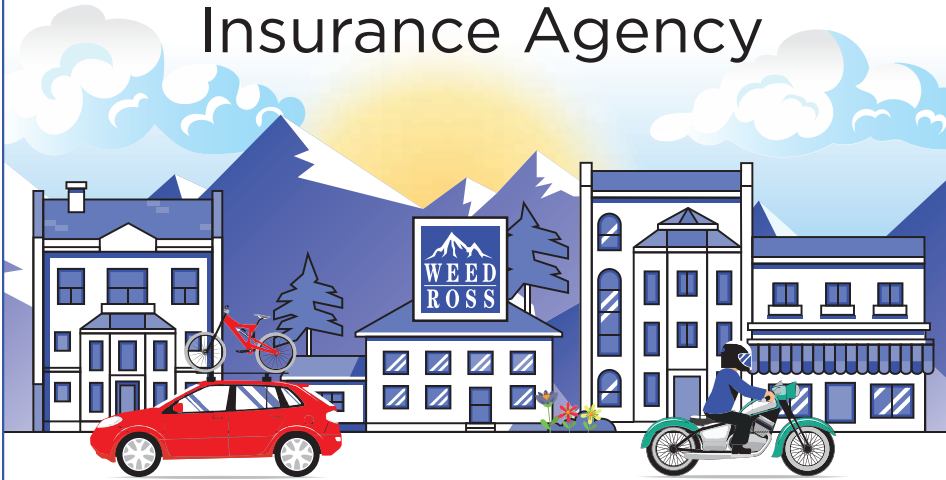


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Publisher's PICK

BEHIND THE PINE

Ellicottville Playground Committee to Host Pinewood Derby Fundraiser this Sunday



The design for the new Ellicottville Playground will welcome all ages and abilities and will also cater to children with cognitive and sensory processing disorders.

By PATRICK FERRINO

Ready, Steady, Go! This weekend, the first Behind the Pine (Wood Derby) event will be racing upstairs at Madigan's on Washington Street, Ellicottville. The event is this Sunday, August 18th and will go from 3:00-6:00pm. There will be car kits available for purchase at Madigan's for those interested in participating, but in a very limited amount. You can find a pinewood derby kit on Amazon for about \$12, or head to the Niagara Frontier Scout Shop in Cheektowaga. As a Pinewood Derby alum myself, I can say there is nothing more rewarding than bragging rights if you happen to win! But, if that's not enticing enough, there will be some epic prizes, a 50/50, and giveaways, along with live entertainment.

If you don't know what Pinewood Derby is, you either aren't, weren't, or didn't raise a Cub Scout. In these developmental years before Boy Scouts, before your level of merit is defined by badges and meaningful contributions to the community, you're a Cub Scout. And when you're a Cub Scout, none of that matters as long as you win the Pinewood Derby!

On a shelf in my childhood bedroom I have all five of my Pinewood Derby cars from the five years I was a Cub Scout, all with their respective placement ribbons bound to the wheel. Those cars are some of my favorite pieces of memorabilia. They represent hours of quality time with my dad and brother and showcase my creative skills over the years.

Now, thanks to the folks at the nonprofit Ellicottville Playground, you don't have to be a scout to race in the Pinewood Derby! The Behind the Pine (Wood Derby) event directly benefits the construction of a new and more inclusive playground. I spoke with Molly Timkey, head of the Ellicottville Playground organization, to learn more about the new inclusive playground.

"Our goal is to tear down our old playground at the Village Park and build a new, more modern, and inclusive playground for all children no matter their ability," she said. Other than the obvious reasons, being that the current playground with its wood chips and dated equipment isn't ideal for wheelchair-bound or otherwise physically disabled children to play on, Molly brought up a very interesting point about the kind of foot traffic Ellicottville gets. "We have two adaptive snowsports programs in Ellicottville - one at Holiday Valley and one at HoliMont. So these families can come and ski in the wintertime, and this playground would be a great opportunity for those same families to come back and visit in the summer as well," said Molly.

Having a robust and inclusive selection of winter activities is only effective if those summertime counterparts are equally as robust and inclusive. And Molly isn't just stopping at physical ability. "We're also adding an area that caters to children with cognitive and sensory processing disorders that is designed to help them calm down and regulate," added Molly.

Molly was approached by Pat Morgan, a master event planner and the brains behind the derby fundraiser. "How he landed on pinewood derby, I don't know," chuckled Molly, "but I'm so grateful he did because this is such a unique event and it should really draw people in."

Pat also told me it felt like a no-brainer to help out with events on projects that bring the community together. Whether that's raising money for a project that promotes inclusivity or just playing a part in something that orchestrates community engagement. "It's so mission critical to this community and I'd be remiss to not insert myself into trying to make a difference," he said.

Fundraising for the playground is expected to wrap up by the end of 2025, with Molly hoping to break ground on it beginning in 2026. That means we have some more awesome playground events to look forward to and many more ways to support such a wonderful cause. If you can't make it to the event but would still like to contribute, you can check out the Ellicottville Playground Facebook page for details.

If you CAN make it, check out the Eventbrite page to purchase your \$33 admission. And always remember, you may not always have the fastest car, but you can always have the coolest. Good luck!



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AGENTS OF HOPE

Registration Open for ERA Team VP Annual Golf Tournament to Benefit ALS



MAYVILLE - ERA Team VP Real Estate & Vacation Rentals is excited to announce the 15th Annual Agents of Hope scramble golf tournament, set for Wednesday, August 21st, at the Chautauqua Golf Club. This four-person scramble tournament will once again rally the community to support the ALS Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Since the tournament's inception in 2010, ERA Team VP, with the incredible support of the community, has raised over \$155,000 to aid in the battle against ALS. The funds generated from this tournament directly contribute to research efforts for treatments and a cure, as well as providing essential patient care and caregiver support.

ALS is a devastating disease affecting motor neurons, the nerve cells responsible for voluntary muscle movement. At any given time, approximately 20,000 Americans are living with ALS, and the average life expectancy following diagnosis is just two to five years.

"The community's support for this tournament is nothing short of remarkable," said Bill Soffel, Broker/CEO of ERA Team VP. "Each year, we see how much this event means to local families facing ALS, and it reminds us all that they are not alone in their fight. The tournament is a wonderful blend of fun and purpose, and it often fills up quickly, so we encourage everyone to register soon to secure their spot."

Event details include a 10:00am check-in followed by an 11:30am shotgun start. Participants will enjoy hot dogs served on the course, along with some refreshments and snacks throughout the day. The tournament will feature various competitions, games, and specialty drinks, including the ever-popular Mojito hole. After the day on the course, dinner will be served, accompanied by a basket raffle, the announcement of on-course competition winners, and a 50/50 drawing.

The cost to participate is \$125 per player (\$100 for Chautauqua Golf Club members), which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, and dinner. ERA Team VP is actively seeking players, sponsors, and donors to support this worthy cause. We also welcome contributions of Chinese auction baskets to enhance our fundraising efforts. Corporate, individual, and team sponsorship opportunities are available, and monetary donations and raffle items are both welcomed and greatly appreciated.

ERA Team VP's Agents of Hope Tournament, along with the ALS Association's research, services, advocacy, and information programs, are made possible through the generosity of individuals, sponsors, and private contributors. If you're interested in participating or supporting in any way, please contact Rachael Wiley-Steffen at 716-413-0201 or rachael.wiley-steffen@teamvp.com.

SUMMER LEARNING CAMP

ECS Students Stay Sharp Over Break with Engaging Lessons at E'ville Library

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Bob McCarthy Foundation once again generously sponsored a Summer Learning Camp for ECS students. Over the past four weeks, fifteen of our community's bright young learners attended sessions with Mrs. Leah Farnum at the Ellicottville Memorial Library. While in session, students worked diligently to maintain their skills learned during the school year pertaining to reading, math, and technology. Each week students worked collaboratively to solve a science and engineering task, putting their problem-solving skills to the test.



This was a wonderful opportunity for students to keep their reading and math muscles working over the summer months. This empowered group of kiddos are now ready to face the challenges of a new school year in a few short weeks.

Many thanks to the Bob McCarthy Foundation for funding this opportunity and continuing to support our community by putting our youth first!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) to Host Annual Festival August 23rd



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

It's time to be thinking about going back to school. If you live in Cattaraugus County and have school-age children, here is an event you don't want to miss.

On Friday, August 23, Connecting Communities in Action will hold its Annual Back to School Bash on the front lawn at 25 Jefferson Street in Salamanca, New York from 2:00-4:00pm. This event is free and open to all area children. Your kids will enjoy an afternoon of carnival-type activities sponsored by each of the CCA departments: games, prizes and crafts, popcorn, hotdogs and beverages, school supplies, personal hygiene products and free back to school haircuts by Tim Holland. There will be plenty of activities for the kids to play and win prizes to celebrate the end of summer. There will also be face painting and balloon shapes for the kids to express their creative sides! Bonus: CCA's Back to School Bash will feature backpack and school supply giveaways.

The goal of the event is to end the summer on a fun note and provide awareness of the services that are available in our communities to assist individuals and families in their day-to-day lives in the areas of health and safety, economic, and social issues. There will be several community partners in attendance, including but not limited to, EPIC for Children, the Allegany Community Center, Catholic Charities, Cattaraugus & Wyoming Counties Project Head Start, the Cattaraugus County Health Department, Directions in Independent Living, Fidelis Care, Healthy Community Alliance, Literacy West, NYS of Health, Safe Kids/Southern Tier Health Care Systems, Venture For the Wellsprings Resilience Technique, and more.

CCA helps to build resilient communities by helping people achieve economic, physical, and emotional security. CCA programs provide immediate services to children and victim parents through collaborative safety planning, linkages to the rest of Victim Services programming, and provides information and referrals to available resources for victims of domestic violence and their children.

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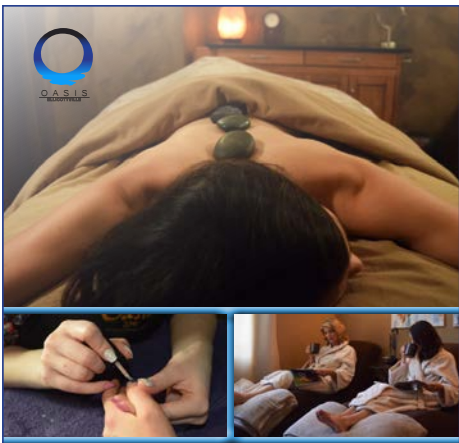
Bob McCarthy Foundation Presents Donation Check to Alley Katz



Pictured left to right: Sue Parsons, Joi Shaffer, and Christine Kirchmeyer accepting the donation on behalf of the Alley Katz in downtown Ellicottville.

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Bob McCarthy Foundation continues their support of the Alley Katz with a \$500 donation to help with their efforts keeping the Village of Ellicottville beautiful. The Alley Katz meet on Tuesday mornings to plant, weed, trim and clean the many barrels, planters and hanging baskets that make our community so attractive.

"This group does a tremendous job in the village and deserves accolades for their hard work and dedication," said Kathleen Moriarty-Fleming, who presented the donation on behalf of the Bob McCarthy Foundation. "Our board continues to recognize this wonderful community organization who make our little village beautiful for residents and visitors alike."



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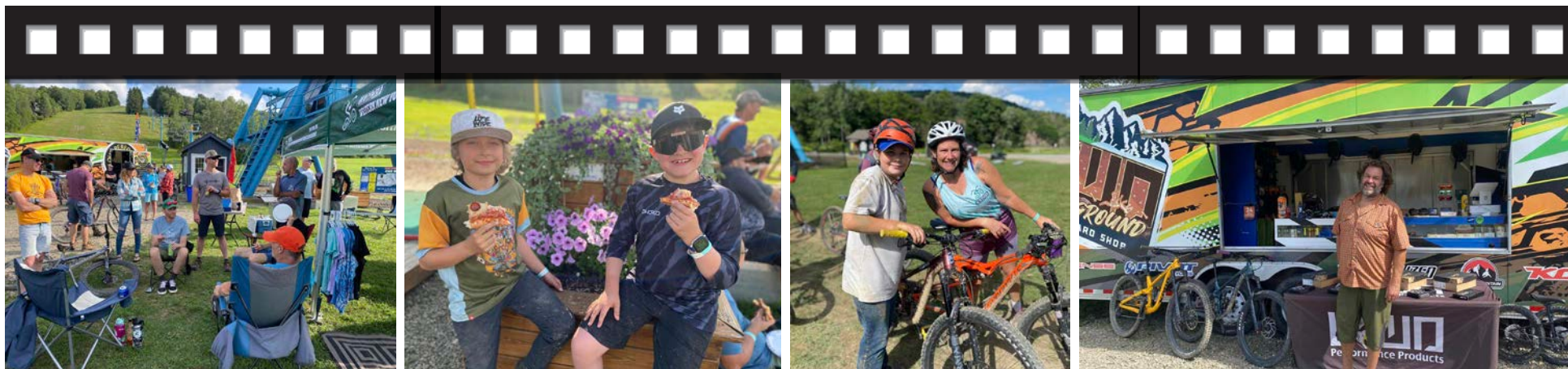
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EVL Trail Fest Schralps Through HoliMont

Formerly WNYMBA Weekend, EVL Trail Fest was a great success last weekend at HoliMont, complete with vendors, food trucks, live music, camping, and of course plenty of downhill and XC riding. Stay on top of the MTB scene and upcoming events at wnymba.org and holimont.com.

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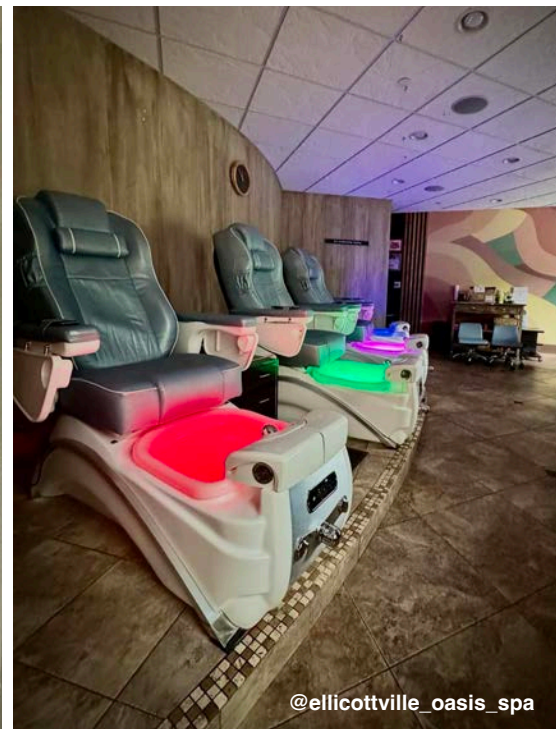


SPA DAY

IT'S BEEN A BUSY SUMMER; TAKE SOME TIME TO RELAX!

Indulge in a Self Care Day at Any One of Ellicottville's Spas... Better Yet, Bring a Friend Along!

By JESSICA SCHULTZ



It's that time of year again! Summer is winding down, back to school shopping is happening, it's hot, work hours seem longer, and it feels like the warm weather is slipping through our fingers. This doesn't even cover the basic daily life stress of bills, groceries, and utilities. Everyone deserves a break, and we know as adults, that's a hard thing to take. Even when we make plans to relax, it doesn't always happen, because who has the time or ability to take off work for any long period of time?

Don't let all these factors get you down. I know just the thing to help you take a little break from the daily grind and find a little relaxation without going too far from home. You can take a Spa Day! That's right, I said what I said. You can book a service at any one of Ellicottville's fine establishments and let them help you ease your worries for a while. Each one is unique, with outstanding services, special options, and personable teams. What makes them unique, what is the best they have to offer and why is taking some time to pamper yourself important? We spoke with the owners of a few of the spas in town, so let's find out!

ELLICOTTVILLE SALT CAVE

The Salt Cave is Ellicottville's Tranquil Tradition. We are Ellicottville's finest spa and only Salt Cave. Once you step inside our spa, the outside world disappears and you're immersed in the health benefits of Himalayan Salt. The Salt Cave is unique because we offer so many varied spa services and treatments along with Halotherapy in the Salt Cave and Salt room. Most spa services we offer are good for couples or duos.

The Salt Cave's most popular service is a Halotherapy session inside the Salt Cave. It can accommodate up to six people, so bring your friends! Another popular spa service is the Signature Warm Salt Stone Massage, which is also offered as a couple's service. We use warm salt stones as part of a Swedish massage to ease muscle tension and induce relaxation.

Your health is priority. Taking a spa day at The Salt Cave provides many benefits. Halotherapy in The Salt Cave clears airways - inhalation of salt particles helps clear mucus and reduces inflammation in the airways - benefiting individuals with asthma, bronchitis, sinusitis, and allergies. Then there are the antibacterial properties. Salt is naturally antibacterial, which helps reduce infections in the respiratory tract. And then there's skin health. The anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties of salt can alleviate symptoms of skin conditions like eczema and psoriasis. Salt therapy also has a moisturizing effect, which can improve skin hydration and texture. Last but not least, it reduces stress. The serene environment of The Salt Cave promotes relaxation, reducing stress and anxiety levels.



The Ellicottville Salt Cave also offers Full Body Salt Glows, Lemongrass Foot Scrubs, facials, body wraps, along with an array of products like salt lamps, blocks, body scrubs, and more. If you want to experience more than one service, they even have packages that could fit your needs. To schedule an appointment, call 716-699-2068 or visit the website ellicottvillesaltcave.com.

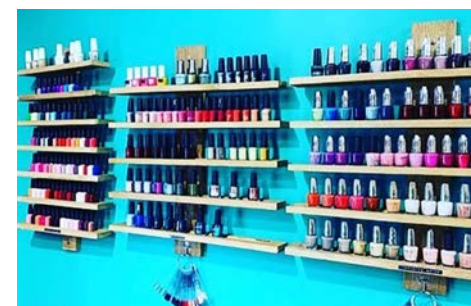
ELLICOTTVILLE OASIS SPA

Our resort setting makes Ellicottville Oasis Spa unique. We are both a part of Holiday Valley, yet a separate small business, owned and staffed by locals. This allows us to offer "big time" resort amenities with "small time" local pride. The space here allows us to accommodate private parties, groups of friends or colleagues, or anyone who just needs some time unplugged. They can take part in all the best spa services, including manicures and pedicures, facials, massage therapy and the works, all in one visit. Because we are set here among all of Holiday Valley's offerings, those who are at the Oasis for a spa appointment can feel like they're on vacation, anytime. They can watch the skiers come down the hill while getting a manicure, or just take in the whole vacation vibe while they're here for a massage after a long work day, or before the next day begins. These are unique experiences the Oasis is proud to be able to provide.

You really can't go wrong with any of our services. The Fire & Ice massage hits the

spot! We'll treat your aches and pains with the therapeutic Fire effect of heated Basalt Rocks, and add the Ice effect of Cryoderm, a cold therapy spot treatment to target those areas that really need attention. Sore muscles, an aching back, stressed out shoulders or that old soccer injury, we'll tend to your specific areas of need with icy/hot therapy in this special Hot Stone massage.

Self-Investment should be a priority for everyone right now. We all just need to unplug from the world and tune into ourselves, and we need to see this not just as a special treat, but as an action toward wellness. When we take the time to get a massage, facial or take part in any spa service, we are also disconnecting from our screens and our daily stressors. But even more importantly, in the Spa setting we are focusing on the connection between the mind and the body. Spa Days take you to a peaceful environment. We all need that break from the constant drone of the media, lawn mowers and the noises next door. Spa Days result in that psychological lift we get when pursuing wellness, and from being among others who promote and foster wellness for you. Many of our first-visits only come in for a service because they have a gift card from a loved one, but state they aren't the "spa type." But spa days are not a guilty pleasure. These first timers usually end up becoming regulars when they realize the positive impact a spa day can have on overall wellness. It's true. Everybody just needs to chill out. And that is why the Oasis is here.



Ellicottville Oasis offers esthetic treatments, pre-natal massages, Hydrafacials, and they have recently begun offering cupping therapy sessions as well. You can call 716-699-8996 to book an appointment at the Oasis Spa today. And remember to visit their website, www.evillioasis.com, to view all of their services.

ANEW BEGINNING MASSAGE & SPA

What makes us unique? Our therapists! Therapists make all the difference, no matter if it is massage or skin therapy, they all have a passion for what they do. Their genuine want to help someone shines through in all of their work. Anew Beginning clients know when they come in, that they will have the greatest service, which sets the tone for a fantastic session.

What is our best service? That's tricky - for each therapist it may be different - but overall, the signature Anew Beginning Massage because it allows the therapist to use all of their personal tools and knowledge to tailor to the needs of that body. The Seasonal Facials are also amazing, it both lets us indulge in relaxation but reminds us of our current season and what they have the opportunity to ground into, like the Blackberry Vanilla Bean Facial or (coming soon) the Spiced Cider Facial, curated just for the fall season!

It honestly isn't just coming in to our Spa that is needed, it's understanding that life in all of the current craziness can be super overwhelming. Especially if you, partner or not, are wearing all the hats, Mom/Dad, personal snack bringer and cooker of all of the things, and helping with homework, working full time, keeping your self on a well-fed, stress outlet finding path allows for you the care giver the ability to show up fully for those in your life you are supporting, fur babies included."



Anew Beginning Massage & Spa offers a wide variety of services such as their Ultrasonic Skin Scrubbing, glycolic peels, deep tissue massages and more. You can view all their services and book an appointment online at anewbeginningny.com or call 716-699-2508.

There you have it folks, the experts have spoken. A spa day is highly recommended for self-care, mental health, body wellness, and for the basic need to relax outside of home. And no matter where in Ellicottville you choose to enjoy that spa day, you will be well taken care of.

BUSINESS

THE WANDERING WAGON

Hitch Your Next Party to this Mobile Beverage Trailer



By MARY WEISER

Who doesn't want to host that party or event guests will still be talking about months or even years later? One way to stand out from the rest is to provide beverages in style! If you are in the planning process for a family party or large event, go beyond a few coolers full of ice and canned drinks. Consider booking the Wandering Wagon, a mobile bar that services the Southern Tier! Owned by Emily Keating of West Valley, the Wandering Wagon is perfect for weddings, rehearsal dinners, corporate events, birthday parties, graduations, wine tastings, festivals and more. And it all started with a horse trailer...

Keating was initially inspired by mobile bar ideas she found on Pinterest. "I just thought it was something really neat and different that I haven't seen," said Keating. "So we searched for a while for used horse trailers, and then we ended up finding one brand new that we ended up converting." The trailer was purchased in April of this year, and by mid-July, it was fully converted to a beautiful mobile bar! Keating, her fiancé, and his friends did all the work on the trailer, including cutting out the serving window and installing flooring, a bar top, plumbing, and more.

The Wandering Wagon is a "dry hire," due to New York state's liquor laws. "If you decide to book a package with the bartender, we provide the ice, cups, napkins, garnishes, and all of the mixers," Keating explained. "It's just the client would have to provide the actual alcohol." However, serving up alcoholic beverages is only a part of what the Wandering Wagon can do! The mobile bar can serve as a coffee stand or serve non-alcoholic drinks and mocktails. This summer, their blueberry lemonade made with fresh local blueberries has been a hit. The wagon is versatile enough that Keating has even

"The Wandering Wagon" continued page 14

DEAR BUSINESS OWNERS...

Mayor and Village Board Pitch Incentives for Employees Parking in New Lot

As we continue to work together to enhance the vitality and charm of our village, we wanted to reach out to you with an idea that we believe could benefit both your business and the community. By having your employees park in the free village parking lot, you can help increase retail traffic on Main Street and make it easier for customers to visit your stores. When employees park in the lot, it opens spaces on Main Street for customers, which can lead to increased foot traffic and more business for local shops and restaurants.



In addition to the benefits for your business, we believe that this initiative can also have a positive impact on the overall quality of life in our community. By reducing congestion and traffic in the area, we can create a safer, more pleasant environment in our Village. Businesses might consider offering Valet parking to the lot on the weekends as well.

During the planning stages of the parking lot, there was discussion among the various business owners on how employees might be encouraged to park in the lot. The Mayor and Board would like to propose an incentive program for your consideration and feedback. Businesses could include:

- offering a bonus or discount for employees who park in the lot
- providing an extra break or flextime for employees who use the lot during their lunch break
- a free or reduced meal during their shift
- creating a "parking lottery" where employees who use the lot are entered into a weekly or monthly drawing for a prize.

If you are interested in participating in this initiative, please let us know by the next Village Board Meeting on August 20th so that we can work together to implement the program. We would be happy to provide any necessary support or guidance to make this program and parking lot project a success. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Best regards,

- The Village of Ellicottville Mayor and Board

THE WANDERER HUT

Get a Taste of Poland at HoliMont Bike Park



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

If you know me, you know that I love food, and you know that I enjoy trying foods from every culture. One of the most comforting homestyle cuisines has got to be Polish food. From cabbage rolls to potato pancakes, it's all stick-to-your-ribs, satisfying eats - something that's been missing in our local area, until now. Enter The Wanderer Hut, a Polish food truck out of Salamanca, NY, that's been setting up shop at HoliMont Resort on the weekends. Let's learn more about them...

eNOW: How did The Wanderer Hut Truck get started?

NATALIA: Wanderer Hut is a family-owned business run by Mariusz and myself, the owners. The food truck started in Salamanca as Mariusz's American dream. Ever since he was a young boy in Poland, Mariusz had a special bond with his mom and loved to cook with her while she prepared food for her catering business. As he aged, he went into the priesthood but always had fond memories and his love of cooking with his mom. When he got to Salamanca, he saw an opportunity to open a food truck as a form of outreach for the church and combine his two passions. He approached the church council and they were supportive of his ideas.



Mariusz did not feel he could do it alone. He asked me, his longtime friend from Poland, for help. I was working as an engineer and also had the same passion, but leaned towards baking. With my help, he was able to open Wandererhut on July 3rd, 2020 in the parking lot of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Salamanca where Mariusz served as the priest.

With Covid having taken over the country and people not being able to eat inside restaurants, food trucks became more popular and Wanderer Hut was no exception. In addition to the parishioners of the church who frequented Wanderer Hut, people who had never been to the church started coming to the truck where they were able to enjoy a good meal while sitting outside with others. Additionally, some people who got to know Mariusz started to come to the church. After a little over a year and a half, the diocese started to make changes to priest assignments, and Mariusz was moved to a different church. Mariusz and I had fallen in love with Salamanca and wanted to keep the truck there. Members of the Salamanca Rail Museum welcomed us to set up in their parking lot where they have been serving his mom's authentic Polish recipes and her European sweets since. Now it is a family-owned place.

eNOW: That's a very nice origin story, but I know that the food industry is a lot of work. What is an average day in the food truck life like?

MARIUSZ: Running a food truck is not a regular 9-5 job. Even when we are not open, we are still working. We spend our day either at the food truck or getting supplies, and our evenings preparing food for the next day. We enjoy what we are doing and our food is truly made with love.

eNOW: You seem to have a semi-regular schedule. Can you share that with us please?

NATALIA: We are open Tuesday through Thursday, 11:00am-2:00pm at the Salamanca Rail Museum; Fridays 11:00am-4:00pm at the Tractor Supply in Olean; and Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00am-4:00pm at HoliMont in Ellicottville. There are always some exceptions based on other events. The best way to know where we are is to follow us on Facebook.

eNOW: What type of foods do you order and can you give us some details on them?

MARIUSZ: Most of the recipes are based on traditional Polish and European cuisine with a modern innovative twist. We make them just like at home, everything is made by hand from scratch. When we can't make it, we always try to source it from some of the best local businesses. We are proud of our food and make the pierogi (a dumpling like dough full of mashed potatoes and farmer's cheese), bread, potato salad, desserts (like their decadent Wanderer Cake, which is a chocolate lover's dream), and dressings fresh everyday. We want to give everyone an amazing Polish food experience.

eNOW: You also offer catering. What type of jobs and what are those menus like?

MARIUSZ: We are open to all types of jobs. We have done anniversaries, graduations,

"The Wanderer Hut" continued page 12

Destination FUN

Upcoming Events to Mark On Your Calendar

AUGUST 18

@ GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK
716-697-2808 | griffissculpturepark.org



SUMMER FESTIVAL

Griffis will host their Annual Summer Festival on Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 12:00 to 6:00pm. It's a day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration, and so much more! The festival started in 2013 and has become a "must-attend" event in Western New York's summer calendar. The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service. Tickets are \$25. Children 12 and under are free. Headlining the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival is The Great Train Robbery. Additional performers are Letter to Elise, Cobra Patrol, SON, and many more.

AUGUST 23

@ CONNECTING COMMUNITIES IN ACTION
716-945-1041 | ccaaction.org



Need a little assistance getting your kids ready for school? Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) can help you out with that! On August 23rd from 2:00-4:00pm, come and have a blast at the CCA Back to School Bash, a community resources fair. There will be games, prizes, and crafts. School supplies, personal hygiene products and even limited back-to-school haircuts will be provided. Popcorn, hot dogs, and refreshments will be available for visitors. This is a FREE, open to the community event. Come out and spend an afternoon with the kids before school is back in session.

AUGUST 24

@ JAMES J. CROWLEY PARK
716-945-4620



Want to get your kids outside for a day? What if we told you, you could do that and support a great cause at the same time? Come over to Crowley Park in Salamanca from 12:00-5:00pm on Saturday, August 24th 2024 for the Bouncin' Out Cancer Kids Carnival! There is no admission price, but donations are encouraged. All proceeds from this event will be donated to P.U.N.T Pediatric Cancer Collaborative in honor of Cardell Johnson. The carnival will include a bounce house, water slide, petting zoo, reptile displays, face painting, food & more! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

AUGUST 24

@ GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK
716-697-2808 | griffissculpturepark.org



SUMMER DRUM CIRCLES

The Griffis Sculpture Park will be hosting a monthly drum circle over the next month. The final drum circle is set to take place on Saturday, August 24th from 6:30-8:00pm. This event will be happening at the Rohr Hill Road section of the park and is free to all who would like to participate, no matter your skill level. Drum Circle facilitator Steve Bell, will be leading the circle and will also be bringing a few percussion instruments for participants to use. Attendees should bring a lawn chair and dress accordingly for the weather.

AUGUST 25

@ ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY
716-597-6121 | ellicottvilledistillery.com



SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES

Make your way to Robbins Road in Ellicottville, NY for an afternoon of good music and excellent drinks. Ellicottville Distillery's Summer Sunday Series is winding down and August 25th's performance is being presented by live music with Ivy's Home starting at 2:00pm, ending at 5:00pm! Ivy's Home is an Indie/Folk band based out of Rochester, NY. They have a great set of original works and bumping covers as well. So head out to the Distillery, hear Ivy's Home and indulge in a locally made cocktail!

AUGUST 31

@ SONGIN FARM
www.facebook.com/songinfarm



Summer nights prove to be both inspiring and calming as the sun sets behind the sunflowers on the hill! Bring a blanket and snacks (no glass please) and hang out around the Songin Farm in Hinsdale, NY from 6:00-9:00pm, a little past closing time, to enjoy the scene even longer! A flashlight or headlamp may be a good idea to make it back down the hill. Enjoy the countryside as you make your way up to the top for stunning valley views. Sunflowers available for purchase, but no cost to come and spend the evening on the hill. Beginning and end dates vary slightly season to season.

SEPTEMBER 1

@ ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY
716-597-6121 | ellicottvilledistillery.com



SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES

Make your way to Robbins Road in Ellicottville, NY for an afternoon of good music and excellent drinks. Ellicottville Distillery's Summer Sunday Series will be closing out with September 1st's performance by long-time local favorite Tina Williams starting at 2:00pm, ending at 5:00pm! Tina Williams is a buffalo local, singer/songwriter who is also the lead screacher for Murder(!) The Band. With a wide variety of ability from punk to country, Tina is always worth watching. So head out to the Distillery, hear Tina and indulge in a locally made cocktail!

SEPTEMBER 13

@ GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK
716-697-2808 | griffissculpturepark.org



GRIFFIS NIGHT LIGHTS

Join in for an enchanting experience at Griffis Sculpture Park as the Night Lights program returns for its 12th consecutive autumn! See the park in a whole new light with colorful theatrical lighting illuminating a portion of our legendary landscape and sculptures. Experience the blend of creative lighting, sculpture, sound, and nature as you take an unguided walk through our trails. Evening Admission: \$14 for adults, \$9 for children aged 7-12, free for children six and under. Note: Night Lights may be canceled in case of heavy rain.

SEPTEMBER 13-15

@ VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE
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This is a fan favorite event among Ellicottville locals. Over 15 regional bands will perform throughout our legendary bars and restaurants, all free of charge. On Saturday, there will be a live outdoor performance by The Fleetwood Mac Experience at 1:00pm; and Sunday is Terry Buchwald's Elvis show at 1:30pm. On Sunday, the annual car and truck show will take place on the Village Streets from noon until 5:00pm. Rock N' Roll weekend has been an annual event in our community for over 20 years.

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NATURE + MUSIC + ART

Griffis Sculpture Park Sets the Stage for This Weekend's Summer Festival



BY DOUG SITLER

We will be hosting our annual summer festival on Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 12:00 to 6:00pm. It's a day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and much more. The festival started in 2013 and has become a "must-attend" event in Western New York's summer calendar. The event is a major fundraiser for the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which owns and operates the sculpture park.

The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service, and more. Tickets are \$25. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased via the Eventbrite website.

Headlining the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival is one of the living legends of the Buffalo music scene: The Great Train Robbery. Since the mid-1980s, this band has been packing dance floors and concert venues with their rock, ska and reggae-inspired sound. After coming back from a long hiatus in 2022, the band plays only 2-3 shows a year - which always sell out - making their appearance at the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival that much more special.

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES

Buffalo's Letter to Elise songs are characterized by catchy hooks, dynamic pop-rock sensibility, intricate guitar work, and being one of the first bands in the last decade to feature an electric cello, indie-rock group. Letter to Elise is proving itself to be one of the hottest new acts coming out of the Western New York area.

Hailing from the hills of rural WNY, Cobra Patrol is a four piece indie rock band whose danceable rhythms, retro vibes and smart lyrics have been likened to The Feelies, Brian Jonestown Massacre, Lou Reed, and The B-52s. Cobra Patrol recently released their debut album, *Mudlarking*, on all major streaming platforms. It showcases the songwriting talents of Dave Danielson and features the grooving bass and drum interplay of Patrick Cooper and Mike Perks. Karn Sorensen's scronky analog synth and violin rounds out the quartet's unique sound.

SON is a dynamic duo who play your favorite classic songs with a soulful twist. Consisting of Sabrina GustafSON and Jed ThompSON, the duo plays venues large and small throughout the region. They hail from the Southern Tier.

Autumn Echo is a poet, mother, and performing artist from Jamestown, NY. She is a slam master of the area's first month poetry slam event. She has performed her original poetry across the state and has hosted hundreds of events in the region, extending open arms and an open mic to artists looking for a safe place to share their poetry.

DJ Vothonotes will be playing a special "tweener" set of European-influenced dance music. DJ Vothonotes is a former resident of Buffalo and currently spins records in Athens, Greece.



The Griffis Sculpture Park stage is at the top of the Mill Valley Road section of the park. Patrons are allowed to bring chairs and small coolers. There is a shuttle to the top.

The Griffis Sculpture Park is owned and operated by the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which also owns the Essex Arts Center in Buffalo, NY. The mission of the Ashford Hollow Foundation is to promote the visual and performing arts as well as construct a dynamic relationship between the arts and education in Western New York to better its young people and the greater community

DOWNTOWN 'StrOLEAN'

Greater Olean Area Chamber Invites the Public to Celebrate All Things Olean



OLEAN - The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is putting the final touches on this year's StrOlean event, set to take place rain or shine this Saturday, August 17th from 12:00-5:00pm. The 100 block of North Union Street, stretching from Laurens Street to State Street, will be transformed into a bustling festival complete with over 50 vendors, food, music, and games.

This year marks the first time that StrOlean will see the closure of a block of North Union Street to traffic, creating a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly festival atmosphere in the heart of Olean's revitalized downtown. Local favorite, Generations, will kick off the live entertainment, performing from 12:30-2:30pm next to the City Building. Following that, an original music showcase will take place in front of Beat City Music from 3:00-5:00pm.

Attendees can look forward to browsing a diverse array of over 30 craft and artisan vendors from across Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania, who will line the street's median in the blocked-off area. In addition, many of the brick-and-mortar retail stores located in this section of North Union Street will be setting up special offerings or displays right in front of their storefronts. Alongside them, several of the area's beloved brick-and-mortar restaurants will be serving up delicious food and beverages, ensuring there's something for everyone. In total, over 20 brick and mortar establishments are participating. The festival atmosphere will extend beyond the barricades with additional food and craft vendors setting up in the surrounding areas downtown. Intandem will also host games of cornhole for event-goers of all ages.

To help visitors navigate the event, an official map, sponsored by Impact Internet, is available on the Chamber's website at www.oleanny.com/events or on the StrOlean Facebook event. Printed copies will be available at the Chamber Gift Shop, located at 301 North Union Street, on Thursday and Friday during normal business hours. Additional maps will also be distributed from the Chamber tent during the event. The Chamber would also like to thank Event Sponsor, Focus Physical Therapy, and all 45 Corporate Sponsors for helping to make this event possible.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Chamber by email at events@oleanny.com or by calling 716-372-4433.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

New Inductees to Be Added to the Hospitality Sculpture in Olean

OLEAN - The Greater Olean Hospitality Committee has announced the new inductees to the Hospitality Sculpture: Daniel J. Butchello Sr. and Gerald A. Butchello. The sculpture, unveiled in October 2023, honors individuals and businesses that have made significant contributions and provided exceptional service to the food service and hospitality industry. These honorees have excelled in the key elements of a great restaurant: an inviting atmosphere, friendly staff, and impeccable food, presented with artistic style and innovative flavor combinations.

The official presentation will take place at Lincoln Park in downtown Olean on Thursday, August 15th, at 5:00pm. Joe and Susan Marra remarked, "It's fitting that we have their father, Guerino 'Butch' Butchello, of the iconic Castle Restaurant on the monument, and now his sons will be recognized and share in this great tribute to hospitality."

Daniel J. Butchello, Sr. (1942-1985) Dan, or "Danny" as he was known to family and friends, was born into a restaurant family headed by his father, Guerino "Butch" Butchello. Upon the passing of Guerino in 1976, Dan and his brother, Gerald A., assumed ownership of the L'Alcove-Castle Corporation. Their goal was to maintain the standards of quality and sense of community set forth by their father.

Dan's contributions to his community included president of the Cattaraugus-Allegany Tourist Bureau, serving on the President's Council for St. Bonaventure University, chairman of the Cattaraugus Heart Fund Drive, and director of the Bank of New York. He and his brother sponsored an annual golf tournament to benefit the intensive care units of Olean General and St. Francis Hospitals.

Gerald "Jerry" Butchello (1938-1986) Jerry was the eldest son of Guerino "Butch" Butchello. He started out in the kitchen of the original L'Alcove on North 4th Street in Olean, NY. He worked for many years at the Castle and Loretto Foods until the new L'Alcove opened on the corner of Wayne and South Union Streets.

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LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: The Journey Home

BY **INDREK KONGATS**

Every adventure has three parts: Part One is the idea, the research, the planning, the anticipation and the departure; Part Two is the actual experience, physical immersion into the reality of the unknown; Part Three is by far the best, simplistic and rewarding - the journey home!

The next time you're in your favorite coffee shop, look around you. Better yet, listen to the conversation and see if you hear more than just "how is your day going" or something about the weather. Sometimes you'll hear someone say, "I was in the Arctic yesterday and I rolled in at 5:00am this morning."

Hearing something like that has always made me wonder how many of us have secret identities. It's as if almost everyone around you is a Clark Kent. They look just like you on the outside, they sit in a chair in a coffee shop just like you, but behind that normality hides a super human adventurer, someone who was thousands of miles away one minute and in a blink of an eye is seated at a table in your hometown café!

That seemingly instantaneous travel from points A to B has always intrigued me. One minute we are there, the next minute we are here in the café! Everything we've seen in a sci-fi show, like the original 60s *Star Trek*, eventually becomes reality, like the cell phone communicator or way back in time in the 30s cartoon strip Dick Tracy with his Face-time watch! All that's left is for us to say, "Beam me up Scottie" when we want to travel. Thankfully we haven't reached that stage yet as it would ruin the thrill, the excitement, and the anticipation in the journey home!

There is a point in every adventure when it's time to go home, you're tired physically and mentally, and you just want to sleep in your own bed. Sometimes the sadness of leaving something behind can be powerful but when 'push comes to shove' going home is the stronger of the two emotions and most often prevails.

Going home is like a dry erase white board. One minute, the board is covered with writings, drawings or formulas, and in a swipe of the eraser it is blank again. The journey home isn't always smooth, there can be many unexpected events that weren't anticipated like flight cancellations, lost luggage or someone forgets to pick you up at the airport. Once you are finally home, all the inconveniences however major they seemed at the time are erased just like the scribbles on the white board. It's almost as if they never happened!

My journey home last week was just like that! One minute it was I that was in the Arctic witnessing life in another culture, another time zone, far removed from fast food take out windows, to walking around with a loaded rifle to protect my group and myself from being fast food for bears.

24 hours ago, from the time I write this, our final day, I was sitting on a boat that was sitting on the rocks of a river bottom because we had missed the outgoing tide by mere minutes. As we waited for 8 hours for the new tide to roll in and float us out of our predicament, we had time to reflect on the situation and how we could have avoided this mishap. As our guide kept telling us, "There isn't a problem, only a solution".

Eight hours is a long time and it seem like an endless abyss. The only way to get through it was not to think of it in terms of minutes but rather opportunities! Without any kind of cell phone service, there was no way to call for help and notify anyone of our predicament. Help was not going to come anyway as there was no way for help to reach us, and quite frankly, we weren't in any danger.

A river bottom isn't something someone sees every day, I mean not just a dried-up drought type river bed but a living ecosystem that a tidal change exposes twice a day. At first, I started looking for some sort of treasure, an ancient artifact exposed after thousands of years buried beneath silt and sand. Not finding anything that exciting, I wished I had my very own Wilson to kick around just like Tom Hanks! As I returned to my seat in our



marooned boat I resorted to reorganizing my 1,500 pictures on my cell phone. Eventually the tide came flowing in and lifted up the boat and our spirits.

Upon returning to camp around midnight, we were tired and hungry after what seemed like forever being stranded. After a hot cup of coffee and a slice of buttered toast, all was if it never even happened! To further erase our harrowing marooning, we focused on breaking camp and packing for our flight home.

Air travel never bothers me but there are some flights that you somehow wish you were never on. Our Canada North flight ran into remnants of Debby, a tropical storm, that ran up the east coast to greet us in Montreal on our approach to Trudeau International.

There was nothing but gray to see out of the windows of the Boeing 737, normally a very safe aircraft until recently with Boeing making all sorts of news headlines, not in the most favorable way, one felt less assured! Without the sense of sight, one relies on sound. We were scheduled to land at 18:40, and at 18:40 the pitch of the airplane changed just before we hit the first bump in the road and the engines revved up again! For the next 40 minutes it felt like riding a horse that didn't want to be ridden. The plane bucked and jolted us side to side and up and down, all the while the engine hum slowing down before sudden screaming accelerations. When you hear complete strangers asking one another to hold hands and you see the stewardesses doing the same you start thinking about the worst-case scenarios. Finally, the words we all wanted to hear over the intercom, "We are now on our final approach." Being a positive person, I took the word final in a positive way! Upon landing as hoped the cheering and clapping took over and we departed the plane!

It's tough to recall everything that you just experienced on your journey once you arrive safely home and the recent past becomes so distant that its only a memory, but a good journey just the same! Now off to Part One of the next adventure!!!

Indrek Kongats is an artist, traveler, outdoorsman, and business owner residing in Ellicottville. He operates River Dog Art Gallery in Houghton, NY, and his Breakaway Classic Adventures specializes in adventure travel destinations. Learn more about him at breakawayclassicadventures.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

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Angel Fisher, CCA Brand and Data Manager, reminds us that August 17 is National Non-Profit Day which commemorates the Tariff Act having been signed into law on 8/17/1894, providing exclusions from federal income tax levied on corporations for charitable organizations. Why is this important?

Non-profit organizations, like CCA, play a vital role in community development by offering services such as food banks, affordable housing, medical care, legal counsel, and education. Non-profit organizations that use a trauma-informed approach fully integrate awareness of individual historical, racial, and systemic trauma into all aspects of functioning to provide a workplace environment and community that intentionally reduces the likelihood of further harm and allows the opportunity for healing and growth.

CCA Programs include: domestic violence non-residential program, children's programs, rape crisis program, Office of Victim Services compensation program, crime victim program, violence intervention program, CPS/DV collaboration program, prevention education program, and more.

Connecting Communities in Action would like to announce its participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all children 18 years of age and under without charge. Lunches will be provided at sites in Cattaraugus, Little Valley, Olean, Salamanca, and West Valley. Their 24-hour victim services hotline is 1-888-945-3970. They can also be reached at 716-945-1041 or www.ccaction.org.



THE WANDERER HUT

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birthdays, and funerals, just to name a few. Although most of the time we are asked to serve our signature items, we love making your event special and will work with you to develop a custom menu for your event. We love to bring your vision to life.

eNOW: What are your plans moving forward over the rest of the year?

NATALIA: We would like to expand into a bigger truck and be able to share our food with a larger audience in the western NY area. We have also considered opening a small place where people can sit, enjoy our food and each other's company.

eNOW: Anything you would like to share with our local communities?

NATALIA & MARIUSZ: We would like to thank everyone for their continued support, especially Salamanca Rail Museum, HoliMont, the Salamanca community, and all the other communities and organizations that welcome us at their events. We are grateful for every order and every supportive message we receive. The last four years have been amazing for us. You are all a big part of our lives. Thank you!

So if you'd like to try something a little different, but something that definitely still fits in the comfort food category, follow The Wanderer Hut on Facebook to see where they are located daily or stop up to HoliMont on the weekend and grab yourself something delicious.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE PLANNING BOARD: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 6 of the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, and pursuant to a resolution of the Planning Board of the Town of Ellicottville, adopted July 29, 2024, the said Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 26 day of August, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., to hear all interested parties regarding an application by Anthony Villani, for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review approval at 2 Rogers Road (SBL 56.001-1-25.8) to allow the construction of a single-family residence with attached garage, as well as a detached barn with accessory apartment. Further information is available for review at the Engineering Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Town website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Town of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE.

LLC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Our Home Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/30/2024. Office location: 3030 Steffenhagen Rd Machias NY 14101 Cattaraugus County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY may mail process to: 3030 Steffenhagen Rd Machias NY 14101. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of GRACE FIELD LITTLE VALLEY, LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 06/26/2024. Office location of the LLC: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o the LLC, PO Box 275, Little Valley, NY 14755. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Command X Creative LLC, Arts of Org. Filled with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/7/24. Office location Cattaraugus County. Princ. Office of LLC: 8938 US 219, West Valley, NY 14171. S.D. Brooks designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO: Box 1, West Valley, NY 14171. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

CRCF Accepting Mental Wellness Fund Grant Applications Through Sept. 1st

OLEAN - The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation is accepting applications for the Mental Wellness Fund in Cattaraugus County. Applications are due by September 1st. The online grant application can be accessed at cattfoundation.org/grant-seekers/grant-opportunities/.

Grants from this fund support programs and services provided by nonprofits that support the mental wellbeing and mental health of residents in Cattaraugus County. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$1,500 but up to \$4,000 may be available for special projects, particularly those that impact vulnerable and/or disadvantaged individuals. Questions about the grant application process can be directed to Monica Emery, Grants and Donor Services Manager, at 716-301-2723 or monica@cattfoundation.org.

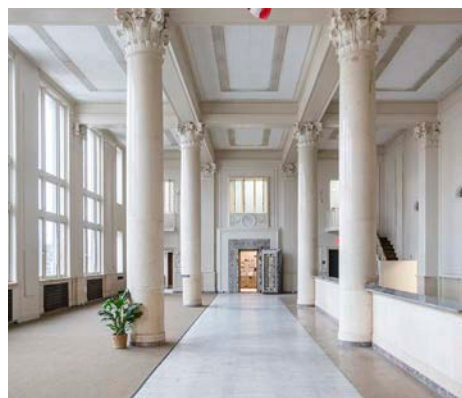
The fund, which was established in 2018, has supported over \$18,950 in grants to provide mental health services and support programs that impact the mental wellness of Cattaraugus County residents. "The Mental Wellness Fund has bolstered the resources available to support essential providers of mental health services," said Kirk Windus, CRCF Executive Director. "This fund helps equip nonprofits providing vital mental health services, with the goal of creating a stronger, healthier and more resilient community."

Donations can be made to the Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union Street, Suite 203, or online at cattfoundation.org.

LOBBY TURNED ART STUDIO

Tri-County Arts Council to Host Opening Reception of New Space This Friday

OLEAN - First National Bank Art Studios & Lobby Gallery was created by ChaShaMa with help from the Tri-County Arts Council and Savarino Development. It provides six artists with studio and exhibition space through December 31, 2024. The artists featured will be Theresa Heinz of Cuba, Sean Huntington of Olean, Jason Nysos Lynch of Olean, Fileve Tlaloc Palmer of Great Valley, Eva Potter of Allegany, and Tara Walker of Olean. The studios are open to the public Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00am-4:00pm, Thursday 3:00-7:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. We invite you to stop in, talk with the artists and see their work.



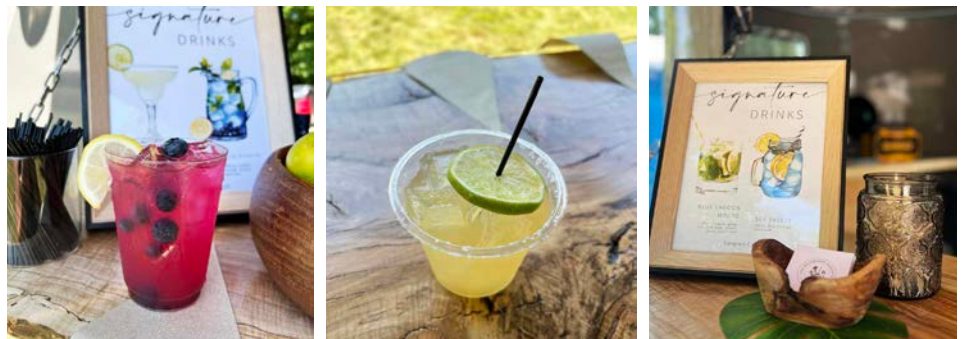
Join the Tri-County Arts Council for an upcoming opening reception on Friday August 16th from 6:00-8:00pm. The event will take place on the first floor of the First National Bank Building, 101 N. Union Street. Attendance is free and light refreshments will be provided with Art Studio tours on the upper floor.

The Tri-County Arts Council advocates for the creation and appreciation of arts and culture in the region and this opportunity would not have happened without the partnership of Chashama and Savarino Properties. For more information, please check out <https://www.tricountyartsCouncil.org/first-national-studios/>

The Tri-County Arts Council presents "An Artistic Journey, From Watercolors to Oils and Back Again" by Barbara Fox. The show is currently running now through August 30th in the Peg Bothner Gallery. TCAC is always adding to their Artisan Market and class schedule at 110 West State Street in Olean, NY 14760. Summer hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10:00am-5:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm.

THE WANDERING WAGON

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considered branching out and having a flower bar where guests can make their own bouquet of flowers.

Although the business is barely two months old, the Wandering Wagon has already been booked for graduation and birthday parties this summer and partnered with Ellicottville Distillery to offer a sampling at Lucky Day Homestead's summer solstice event. Keating is already booking weddings for next summer.

The Wandering Wagon can travel just about anywhere within an hour's radius and will travel further for an additional fee. Those who would like additional information should check out The Wandering Wagon Co on Facebook. To book the Wandering Wagon for your next event, call Keating at 716-517-1845 or email ekeati24@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY SCULPTURE

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He could be found standing at the small podium ready to greet and seat patrons. He exuded hospitality and made sure everyone was satisfied and content when they left. All 4 of his children worked with him and treasured those memories. When Butch died in 1976, he and his brother Danny shared the responsibilities of the businesses until Danny's untimely death in 1985. Jerry died suddenly just a year later October 11, 1986 at the age of 48.

Past inductees to the Hospitality Hall of Fame Program include: Guerino "Butch" Butchello and Chef Anthony Lentola; Chef Pasquale "Patsy" Piccioli; John Sawaya; Sr.; Carl Iseman; Louis and Nancy Giannechini; Lucia "Lou" Bardenett; William "Bill" Augostini; Quinto and Dora Bagazzoli; Nicholas "Nick" Fratarcangelo; Louis Marra; Daniel Fessenden, Robert Styles, Tony Bassano, Jim McAfee, Neil and Denis Goodemote; Paul and Mary Psathas; Anthony Zampogna; James Pappas; Lou Russo; Nick Livoto; Steve Hollowell; Jackie Attard; John Malara; Richard Marcus; Louis V., 'Little Louie,' Marra; Eugene Stopha, Jack Coffey, Louis Frungillo Sr., Richard 'Richie' Piccioli, Joe Marra, MarLayn Robinson, John 'Mac' Sue, Tom Weatherell, John and Karol Long, Anthony Fratarcangelo, James 'Jim' Hastas, Mike & PJ McAfee, Anthony Procacci, Paul & Lisa Marra, Ola May Gayton, Sparky Granger, Randy Korkowicz, D.J. Butchello, John Cappelletti, Larry Chiarenza; Doris Mae Williams, Louis Frungillo, Jr., Paul Green; and in 2023, Peter Miller, Teddy Welch, Carmen Leroy, and Carmella Jadowski.

For more information on the hospitality awards, how to donate, or for general information, please call the Marras at 716-244-1371 or email sjmarra@gmail.com.

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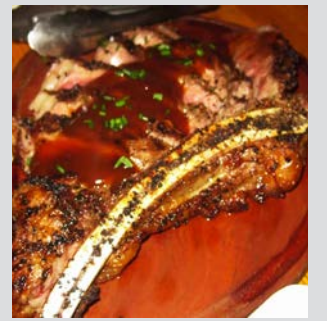
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